

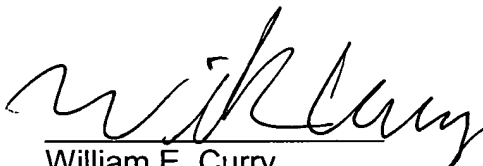
REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 5, 2004, and corrects the status identifier of claim 9 from "Previously amended" to --Previously presented--.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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